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Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/22110 of 28 January 1991, S/22110/Add.3 of 1 February 1991, S/22110/Add.13 of 25 April 1991 and S/22110/Add.21 of 22 July 1991.

During the week ending 10 August 1991, the Security Council took action on the following item:

Admission of new Members (see S/7382, S/7564, S/8301, S/8555, S/8815, S/8896, S/9961, S/10121, S/10296, S/10327, S/10351, S/10462, S/10762, S/10770/Add.1, S/10855/Add.25, S/10855/Add.29, S/11185/Add.22, S/11185/Add.23, S/11185/Add.24, S/11185/Add.31, S/11185/Add.32, S/11593/Add.31, S/11593/Add.32, S/11593/Add.33, S/11593/Add.38, S/11593/Add.39, S/11593/Add.41, S/11593/Add.48, S/11935/Add.25, S/11935/Add.33, S/11935/Add.36, S/11935/Add.45, S/11935/Add.46, S/11935/Add.47, S/11935/Add.48, S/12269/Add.27, S/12269/Add.29, S/12520/Add.32, S/12520/Add.48, S/13033/Add.36, S/13737/Add.7, S/13737/Add.30, S/14326/Add.27, S/14326/Add.38, S/14326/Add.45, S/15560/Add.38, S/16270/Add.7, S/21100/Add.15 and S/21100/Add.32)

By a note dated 2 July 1991 (S/22777), the Secretary-General circulated the application of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for admission to membership in the United Nations, contained in a letter dated 2 July 1991 from the Vice-Premier of the Administration Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Secretary-General.

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By a note dated 5 August 1991 (S/22778), the Secretary-General circulated the application of the Republic of Korea for admission to membership in the United Nations, contained in a letter dated 19 July 1991 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea to the Secretary-General.

By a note dated 31 July 1991 (S/22864), the Secretary-General circulated the application of the Federated States of Micronesia for admission to membership in the United Nations, contained in a letter dated 17 July 1991 from the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to the Secretary-General.

By a note dated 31 July 1991 (S/22865), the Secretary-General circulated the application of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for admission to membership in the United Nations, contained in a letter dated 25 July 1991 from the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the Secretary-General.

The Security Council considered the application of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the application of the Republic of Korea for admission to membership in the United Nations at its 2998th and 3001st meetings, held on 6 and 8 August 1991.

At the 2998th meeting, on 6 August 1991, in accordance with the provisions of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council and in the absence of a proposal to the contrary, the President of the Security Council referred the applications of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for consideration and report.

At its 3001st meeting, on 8 August 1991, the Security Council had before it the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members (S/22895), unanimously recommending to the Council a draft resolution concerning the application of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the application of the Republic of Korea for admission to membership in the United Nations.

At that meeting, the Security Council adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members without a vote as resolution 702 (1991).

Resolution 702 (1991) reads as follows:

"The Security Council,

"Having examined separately the applications of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea 1/ and of the Republic of Korea, 2/ for admission to the United Nations,

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1/ S/22777.

2/ S/22778.

"1. Recommends to the General Assembly that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea be admitted to membership in the United Nations;

"2. Recommends to the General Assembly that the Republic of Korea be admitted to membership in the United Nations."

The President stated that, in accordance with the provisions of rule 60 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, he would immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmission to the General Assembly.

The President then made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Security Council (S/22911):

"By adopting resolution 702 (1991), the Security Council has taken another step towards the completion of a political process in exercise of one of the most important functions entrusted to it under the Charter of the United Nations, namely, to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the admission of new members to the Organization.

"The applications of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea have been considered and unanimously approved by the Security Council. The aspirations of the peoples and Governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea have harmoniously coincided. That is why the Security Council decided to consider and take a simultaneous decision on the admission of both parts of the Korean Peninsula to membership in the world Organization.

"This is a historic occasion for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, the Asian continent and the world community of nations.

"There can be no doubt that the Security Council's recommendation to the General Assembly advances and underscores the Organization's goal of universality. I am certain that, as new members of our Organization, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea will contribute positively to efforts to enhance the effectiveness of the work of the United Nations and strengthen respect for its purposes and principles.

"The admission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea will also reduce tensions in the region, create a favourable atmosphere for and facilitate the promotion of confidence-building measures in their bilateral relations and provide them with an appropriate forum in which to consider the many things they have in common and to overcome the few remaining obstacles to their unification.

"We have recently seen how countries that were once adversaries have found the necessary strength to put aside their differences in favour of their shared interest in promoting the well-being of their peoples and of the world in general. We are living in an age in which mankind seems to be regaining its senses. We can begin the next millennium in a more optimistic spirit. In the positive atmosphere resulting from the end of the cold war, we note with great satisfaction a new manifestation of constructive understanding: the recommendation, adopted by the Security Council, that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea become members of the world Organization.

"I wish to conclude by saying that, in my capacity as President of the Council and on behalf of all its members, I am on this historic occasion deeply honoured to address these words of congratulation to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and to the Republic of Korea."

The Security Council considered the application of the Federated States of Micronesia for admission to membership in the United Nations at its 2999th and 3002nd meetings, held on 6 and 9 August 1991.

At the 2999th meeting, in accordance with the provisions of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council and in the absence of a proposal to the contrary, the President of the Security Council referred the application of the Republic of the Federated States of Micronesia to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for consideration and report.

At its 3002nd meeting, the Security Council had before it the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members (S/22896), unanimously recommending to the Council a draft resolution concerning the application of the Federated States of Micronesia.

At that meeting, the Security Council adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members without a vote as resolution 703 (1991).

Resolution 703 (1991) reads as follows:

"The Security Council,

"Having examined the application of the Federated States of Micronesia for admission to the United Nations, 1/

"Recommends to the General Assembly that the Federated States of Micronesia be admitted to membership in the United Nations."

1/ S/22864.

The President stated that, in accordance with the provisions of rule 60 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, he would immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Federated States of Micronesia to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmission to the General Assembly.

The President then made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Security Council (S/22917):

"In my capacity as President of the Security Council and on behalf of the members of the Council, I should like to underscore the historic importance of the resolution which we have just adopted recommending the admission of the Federated States of Micronesia to membership in the United Nations. This resolution is without a doubt the logical follow-up to resolution 683 (1990), adopted by the Security Council on 22 December 1990, by which it terminated the trusteeship arrangement for the Territories of Micronesia.

"For the Security Council as well as for the Trusteeship Council, and for the United Nations as a whole, this resolution marks the culmination of an effort sustained over decades to enable the peoples of these Territories to take charge of their destiny and assume the place to which they are entitled in the community of nations.

"The universality of our Organization is steadily becoming a reality and gaining in significance as more and more of the States which make up the world community are admitted to membership.

"The founders of our Organization had precisely that objective in mind, namely the formation of a single, universal entity in which all States would share responsibility for the preservation of international peace and security without distinction as to level of economic development, size of population, military might or any other factor.

"The Federated States of Micronesia will make an outstanding contribution to the United Nations by bringing to it an innovative approach and a fresh perspective on world affairs, in order to promote changes in established practices, many of which, as all the Members of the Organization are aware, are in need of renewal.

"On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I congratulate the Federated States of Micronesia on the decision which the Council has adopted recommending to the General Assembly its admission to membership in the United Nations."

The Security Council considered the application of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for admission to membership in the United Nations at its 3000th and 3003rd meetings, held on 6 and 9 August 1991.

At the 3000th meeting, in accordance with the provisions of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council and in the absence of a proposal to the contrary, the President of the Security Council referred the application of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for consideration and report.

At its 3003rd meeting, the Security Council had before it the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members (S/22897), unanimously recommending to the Council a draft resolution concerning the application of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

At that meeting, the Security Council adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 3 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members without a vote as resolution 704 (1991).

Resolution 704 (1991) reads as follows:

"The Security Council,

"Having examined the application of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for admission to the United Nations, 1/

"Recommends to the General Assembly that the Republic of the Marshall Islands be admitted to membership in the United Nations."

1/ S/22865.

The President stated that, in accordance with the provisions of rule 60 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, he would immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmission to the General Assembly.

The President then made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Security Council (S/22918):

"The resolution which we have just adopted recommending the admission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to membership in the United Nations is a historic event. It marks the final steps in the process leading to the full integration of the Republic of the Marshall Islands into the international community, a process that was given an impetus when the Security Council adopted resolution 683 (1990), by which the Council declared that the trusteeship arrangement for the Marshall Islands had come to an end.

"The resolution which the Security Council has adopted reconfirms the full validity of the basic ideal of the universality of the United Nations, which calls upon all States - large and small - to help foster peaceful and orderly international coexistence.

"We can see today that as the United Nations gains in universality, the specific responsibilities of States are strengthened, as are their rights to participate in the decision-making process in areas of concern to the international community as a whole involving the maintenance of international peace and security and, above all, the promotion of cooperation among peoples.

"The admission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to membership will serve to reaffirm the validity of the principles of the United Nations Charter and to facilitate the achievement of its purposes.

"On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I congratulate the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the Council's decision to recommend to the General Assembly that it be admitted as a member of the United Nations."